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Cures Coughs, Croup and Whooping Cough

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For information as to whereabouts of one gray or chestnut roan mare, foal, 5 years old, branded "J.W." on left hip. Strayed off this range about two years ago this April.

A. G. JOHNSON, Carlson.

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Announcement

As there will be some changes made in business I wish to announce that on and after Jan. 1st, 1912, I will conduct a strictly cash business. All accounts outstanding must be settled or arranged for by that time.

M. WEBER

Bethlehem Town

& EUGENE FIELD

As I was going to Bethlehem town
Upon the earth I cast me down
All underneath a little tree
That whispered in this wise to me:
"Oh, I shall stand on Calvary
And bear what burthen saveth thee!"

As up I fared to Bethlehem town
I met a shepherd coming down,
And thus he quoth: "A wondrous sight
Hath spread before mine eyes this night,
An angel host most fast to see,
That sung full sweetly of a tree
That shall uplift on Calvary
What burthen saveth you and me."

And as I gat to Bethlehem town,
Lo, wise men came that bore a crown.
"Is there," cried I, "in Bethlehem
A King shall wear this diadem?"
"Good sooth," they quoth, "and it is he
That shall be lifted on the tree
And freely shed on Calvary
What blood redeemeth us and thee."

Unto a Child in Bethlehem town
The wise men came and brought the crown,
And, while the infant smiling slept,
Upon their knees they tell and wept,
But with her babe upon her knee,
Naught recked that Mother of the tree
That should uplift on Calvary
What burthen saveth all and me.

Again I walk in Bethlehem town
And think on him that wears the crown.
I may not kiss his feet again
Nor worship him as I did then.
My King hath died upon the tree
And hath outpoured on Calvary
What blood redeemeth you and me.

CHRISTMAS

WHO is there that does not like Christmas? From the humble cottage of the peasant to the palace of the king there is universal rejoicing. All the little things that vex and annoy, yes and even the larger grievances that seem to assume mountain-like proportions, fade for the time being into mere nothingness. And why? Simply because the spirit of Christmas becomes by common consent, the temporary controller of human destinies. Alas! that it should not find a permanent abode in the hearts and lives of men and women.

One of the most complete vindications of the triumphant progress of Christianity through the centuries, is the vastly growing influence exerted by Christmas upon the world. The light of Bethlehem's Star shines with increasing brilliancy in the night of time.

Christmas is by indisputable right the heritage of the children, and it is no wonder therefore that mankind should pay so magnificent a tribute to the little child. It is no idle truism that the "child is sovereign of the universe." Perhaps in all biblical literature there is no finer picture than that contained in the Messianic prophecy foreshadowing the establishment of Christ's peaceable kingdom. The scattered world elements as represented in the imagery of the writer, "the wolf and the lamb; the leopard and the kid; the calf, the young lion and the fatted" are gathered together into one harmonious whole, under the leadership of a little child.

The message of Christmas is surely this, that the spirit of the child with its simplicity, innocence, beauty, truthfulness and unselfishness, leads humanity onward and upward to life's highest and noblest plane. It is the child spirit that rebukes the greed, the injustice, the hypocrisy, the insincerity; in short, all that is unworthy and ignominious.

In the days when we come to us at this festive season, let us not forget those who are less privileged perhaps than we are, for the joy we bring into other lives becomes the greatest of all joy. Remember, the opportunities we have this Christmas of adding to the happiness of others, will never pass us by again.

To our readers and friends, the Pioneer extends this season's warmest greetings, and wishes all the joys that are inseparably associated with Yule.

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Cattle branded J. C. quarter circle on left hip and J. E. quarter circle on left rib belong to J. Cooper, Didsbury.



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STRAYED—A two year old bay filly, branded "A" on right shoulder, star on forehead, found in early Oct. on road near Didsbury. Reward \$5.00. A. N. OBERSON, Sec. 26, T. 3, R. 2, W. 4.

ESTRAY—One roan yearling mare, 4 years old, branded "T" inside circle on right shoulder. On premises of A. B. SNYDER, Sec. 2, T. 3, R. 2, W. 4.

ESTRAY—Heifer calf, all red, branded "X" on right side. On Mrs. WAGNER'S farm, one mile straight west of Didsbury.

ESTRAY—2 dark brown mares, weight 1000 lbs. each, one has star on forehead, one hind foot white, white saddle marks on back. Both have forefeet clipped, branded "J" on right shoulder, "L" on left shoulder. Came to my place about the 25th of June, 1911. M. E. SHANTZ, Sec. 2, T. 3, R. 2, W. 4. Owner to prove property and pay expenses.

ESTRAY—One roan cow and one red deer with white forehead and white spots, 2 years old. Cow branded "S" on left hip, no visible brand on stock. On Sec. 5, T. 3, R. 2, W. 4.

AMSEY H. SNYDER.

\$500 REWARD

One coming three year old heifer, roan, branded "M" on right ribs. Last seen on N. E. 1/4 of Sec. 26, R. 2, T. 3, W. 4, in front of A. Chamberlain's buildings about the middle of October. The above reward will be paid for information given by JAMES A. CHAMBERLAIN, Didsbury P. O. or Sec. 34, T. 3, R. 2, W. 4.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy
Cures Coughs, Croup and Whooping Cough

His Christmas Caller

By Anna S. Richardson

THE store fairly radiated the Christmas spirit. Crimson bells swung from every chandelier. Hoops of evergreen draped all the shelving. The counters were strewn with Christmas cards, booklets and favors.

The man who had dropped in to buy bond points for his pocket pencil refused to pore over a stack of gift books bound in rare leather. Then he heard the voice. After that only his gaze was on the books. His interest was concentrated on the possessor of the voice.

"But you said such things were in great demand about the holidays, and



"I SHOULD LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THESE."

"I have taken infinite pains with these. Please, please to see what is wrong with them."

There was a note of tragedy in the rich contralto tones which, together with a tree-like glimmer from two distant violet eyes, put to rout the roses and recollections of the subtle luster of Christmas novelties. His was a smart shop, and he had never so patently explained to struggling young artists whose work he declined to sell on commission, but now he picked up the little novelties of plate and some cards, gay with holly. Santa Claus heads, etc.

"Let me explain," he said. "These are not novelties. They are the same set of cards used in the past twenty years, with the same decorations. You men who can afford to pay the prices demanded for these little painted novelties want something new. See this poinsettia blossom—now painted on a card laid out in the shape of the blossom itself—and this funny, bulging stocking, overflowing with faces of pretty girls, for a bachelor. They are catchy, the sort of things my customers want. Your work is neat, but not novel."

"Thank you," the girl said bravely. "I understand now, and it is too late for me to try my hand at novelties. But perhaps you will keep my cards, and I—well, your novelties might not go around, and then perhaps some late customer might buy mine after all."

"Certainly. I will be glad to keep them in reserve. Your name and address—oh, yes, I remember. Miss Sylvia Leigh, the Grant studios. I will do my best for you."

Nevertheless as the girl slipped through the door he opened a deep drawer under the counter and dropped the cards out of sight. It would never do to display these old-fashioned bits of pasteboard among the novelties which appealed to his fashionable trade. And then very suddenly the man who had been engaged in hearty bond gift books stepped up to the counter.

"One minute, please. I should like to take a look at those cards you just bought from the young lady."

The astonished manager of the store glanced from the well-groomed man with fine brown eyes and thin mustache to the more expensive novelties in the showcase.

"The ones you just bought from the young lady?" repeated the customer severely.

"Certainly," responded the manager hastily, and he spread forth the desired bits of pasteboard. The work was dainty, but utterly commonplace.

"Just what my sister would like—conservative sort of woman my sister is—don't go in for newfangled ideas.

I'll take those—three dozen. Not enough? Do you suppose the girl could do two dozen more by the day before Christmas? If she can, send 'em to me, James Macy, at Marquette. I'll take these with me, and—"

And almost before he could realize what had happened the manager was actually gazing, open mouthed, after this eccentric customer, whose visitor was to give a dinner party of sixty covers on Christmas day and intrusted the buying of such important articles to dinner favors to an obviously inexperienced bachelor brother.

Christmas eve was frosty and starlit. James Macy, coming home from his office, smiled somewhat grimly at the bolting preparations made.

Holly and evergreens there were in plenty, great wreaths with massive bows of satin ribbon, a bowl filled with scarlet poinsettia blossoms, and on one table an orderliness of parcels evidently sent by express, mail and messenger to the popular but elusive bachelor, for elusive he was dubbed by matchmaking mothers.

"A young lady to see you, sir," remarked his man impassively.

James Macy took the card.

"Miss Sylvia Leigh," ran its legend. She came to him, looking taller than the day in the shop, for her head was held high.

"You will pardon my coming here on Christmas eve and unchaperoned. I could not leave town without seeing you. The violet eyes had turned all most black; the contralto voice was a bit too even in its tones.

"I am honored," replied James Macy gravely, and he offered her a chair, which she declined with a wave of her gloved hand.

"It was hard enough to know that the man who bought my foolish little novelties did it through a sense of pity, but to learn that he was also the man who wrecked my mother's life—that—that was too much. I have come to return your money and ask the return of my cards if you have not already destroyed them."

"My dear girl," expostulated the man, who had turned strangely white, "Please do not interrupt me," continued the girl passionately. "My mother's brother—perhaps you remember him—Henry Johnson, is here. He went to the shop and found out where my cards had gone—and—Oh, it is such a miserable little farce to you, a successful man. I thought I could be an artist. I told me so at home. Against uncle's wishes I came here to make my little light and failed. When you bought these things I thought, perhaps, but uncle, who scolded me to go home, sifted the story to the bottom and found—oh, I am going home with him tonight."

"Miss Leigh, I want to beg a favor of you. This is Christmas eve, and I am a lonely, desolate man. If ever the Christmas message of peace and good will means anything it is tonight, and I want your good will. These little Christmas cards you painted are the only touch of real Christmas that has come into my life, and I want to keep them and tell you why I want to keep them. Will you be seated?"

"You say I wrecked your mother's life. Well, then, know that here she is not long. My season of regret and penitence has lasted longer than you have lived. I loved your mother, but I did not understand her. I went out into the world to make a fortune, not for myself, but for her, and I thought that the fortune must come first and her's dream afterward. With women it is different. The dream must come first—the fortune is a secondary consideration. Your mother died blessing her memory, thought I had forgotten—that I did not care—and so she passed out of my life and into your father's."

But she had you. I had nothing, nothing but money and the memory of one happy summer of her life. I never expected to know what peace and happiness meant again until that day in the store, when your eyes, your voice, I thought it was the other Sylvia, my Sylvia, come to life. And I thought those cards became my life, and I thought—And now you come to me in anger and take from me my one Christmas—"



"I AM HONORED," REPLIED JAMES MACY.

happiness—the work of your hands. Sylvia, Sylvia, I want to put my debt of repentance? Can you not extend forgiveness—Christmas forgiveness—in your mother's name?"

Sylvia turned toward the door.

"I must go now. We are leaving on the 9 o'clock train. Uncle is waiting for me downstairs in a cab. We are going home."

"Home?" The man echoed the word mechanically, dully.

The girl hesitated, then held out her hand.

"Yes, back to dear old Hestonville. Why don't you come too? Why don't you run out tomorrow—for dinner?"

"Sylvia, child, do you mean it? Do you understand that if I come it will be to see you?"

Bravely the violet eyes were raised to meet the searching look in the brown ones.

"Is it peace and good will for me, Sylvia?"

"Yes—and merry Christmas if you come tomorrow."

OBSERVING CHRISTMAS.

How One Family Made the Holiday Pleasant and Profitable.

IN many childless homes in this country no preparations are being made to observe Christmas and traditions. But in Germany the historic home of the Christmas tree and the source of many current customs, Christmas is observed in a way that is as old as time. From parents to lovers, husbands and wives, and perhaps their married sons and daughters and grand-children, standing around, greeting each other, and exchanging gifts, it is an essential part of their Christmas and would not be Christmas without it.

In a refined American home in a small city a few years ago when employment was derived from a Christmas celebration in childish ways by a family of adults. During the preceding year a son-in-law and a daughter-in-law had been added to the family group, and the other members were a father, a mother, a dear old maid, and the two married children, two unmarried grown-up sons and their one sister. A real Christmas tree was purchased, and the women folk trimmed it with popcorn, tinsel, candles and all the rest of the paraphernalia required for a genuine old-fashioned Christmas tree.

On Christmas morning the household assembled, and, catching the infection of the occasion, all sat on the floor around the tree to receive their presents from a bona fide Santa Claus. Among the first packages distributed were some made to recall funny happenings of the year just passed, which had been selected in order to create merriment. Screams of laughter greeted the opening of a package labeled with the bride's name, which was found to contain a large leather medal inscribed with the following: "For patience in making apple jelly." As a notice in the culinary department she had struggled time and again with the task of making this delectable dish. To her husband went a small side trombone, because in his boyhood days he had aspirations toward learning to play that instrument, practicing on a large one of the ear-splitting type.

To the maiden aunt, an enthusiastic admirer of Shakespeare and a member of several clubs devoted to "readings," a plaster of Paris bust of Willie was

awarded. One of the boys had taken a pleasure trip south a few months before, accompanied by a valuable camera. He had left it on the steamboat dock when he embarked and never recovered it. To him was given a photograph of a beautiful camera cut from an advertisement page of a popular magazine. To the father, a member of the gospel and high up in ecclesiastical circles, a toy watch—just a gentle reminder of the length of his sermons. The mother's early days had been spent on a farm. Consequently she had been known to grow homesick for a familiar sight of something resembling farm life, and she had recently purchased a few chickens, which

she housed in the extreme end of back yard, much to the disgust of the daughter of the house. To her given a toy rooster with a real "cackle." The son-in-law received a dime to indicate that his responsibility increased, and the other and her brother-in-law colored glasses, to remind him of his visionary ideas. To the girl sister who had been "out" at seasons a ring with a solitaire, and real shoes were given. After these had been distributed the handsome gifts of the day were exchanged. It was a jolly, happy crowd which went to the dining room to enjoy the which had been in course of preparation.

During the following year the departed this life, followed with short space of time by the mother. The surviving members have memory of that delightful Christmas when they were all together.

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Cures Cough, Croup and Whooping Cough.



CHRISTMAS EVE

Now-long-abled is Dolly.

Because to Christmas eve,

But little Paul and Polly.

Are wide awake, believe!

They cannot sleep nor dine nor sup

Before they hang their stockings up.



CHRISTMAS MORNING.

'Tis Christmas morning early,

Now these expectant tots

(Yet don't you love them dearly?)

Have risen from their coats,

And even Dolly's eyes are wide

To see the toys of Christmas tide.

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TUBERCULOSIS SANITARIUM FOR CALGARY

Government Will Aid Woman's Canadian Club to Build Sanatorium—Vigorous Campaign Brings Results—The Deputation Will Interview Mr. R. B. Bennett in Calgary with View of Securing Land Grant.

Edmonton.—A delegation from the Calgary Woman's Canadian club, including the president, Mrs. C. A. Stuart, the secretary of the sanatorium committee, Mrs. Harold Kirby and Mrs. E. Crickhead, waited upon Premier Sifton and the rest of the cabinet application was that the assistance of the provincial government is secured for a provincial tuberculosis sanatorium.

The deputation will return to Calgary to interview R. B. Bennett with a view to securing from the new government some such grant of land as had been promised by the Hon. Mr. Oliver before the defeat of the reform government this year. As the matter is not official there should be little difficulty in the grant. The sanatorium is more than half provided for within ten months of the defeat of the government inaugurated by the Woman's Canadian club.

Premier Sifton has promised that in the event of the government's approval of the province taking steps to build the proposed sanatorium the government will provide the purchase of the cost of the building and assistance in its maintenance at the rate of 30 cents per day per patient. This is a light different basis from that in some other provinces. Ontario contributing one-fifth of the initial cost, and the rest per day per patient. It is a very gratifying arrangement, however, and in view of its having been agreed to readily will be the subject of the deputation's Christmas present by the Woman's Canadian club.

The premier will hear the matter before the government very shortly and as the opposition members have already expressed their approval of the measure will doubtless carry.

Immediately following the passage of the measure providing for the grant the steps will be taken toward the work of building. The Alberta Medical Association has been organized to assist toward the furnishing and equipment and a canvass will be made for private subscriptions to the sum of three-fourths of the initial cost.

There is a possibility that they may be two sanatoriums, one near Edmonton and one near Calgary. It is understood that the Medical Association and the Edmonton Anti-Tuberculosis Society are both in the same line. It is possible that an effort may be made to secure a grant from Calgary for the local institution.

The Calgary deputation made a very hurried trip to the capital, reaching and returning in the morning. They were met with politeness which has been in circulation by the Calgary committee for some time. The sanatorium committee of which Mrs. Wm. Carson is the chairman, has conducted a very energetic campaign and has been in the line in endeavorers to promote the scheme.

World's Record Steel Pipe Order

Calgary.—The largest order for steel pipe ever placed in the world has been let by a Calgary firm. The Canadian Equipment and Supply Co., Ltd., has ordered from the United States Steel Corporation over three hundred miles of pipe to carry natural gas from Bow Island to Calgary. The order, together with the fittings, which have been ordered from the Dresser Manufacturing Co., Bradford, Penn., will run to the value of \$200,000. There will be 250,000 cwt of pipe and about 300 cwt of fittings. Shipments will commence about Jan. 1 and will be completed end of six months. T. A. McQuay, president of the company which placed the order, states that the Canadian Western Natural Gas, Light, Heat & Power company will start to lay the line at April 1. One hundred and eighty miles of the pipe will be sixteen inches in diameter and the balance will be 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, and 4 inches.

Three-Hour Battle—Rebels Defeated

Mexico City.—Reports of three hours fighting between federal troops and rebels near Mer, on the border of the United States, have reached here. Small numbers coming from the United States were routed by the seventeenth regiment of federal troops. News came here from Camaguey, Cuba, that the rebels, under date of December 12. The date of the fight was not mentioned. The rebels fled after the fight, leaving seven dead.

Wounded While Watching a Battle

San Francisco.—Raymond K. Kipper, an American missionary who was wounded while watching the battle of Hankow, and Mrs. Kipper, who was wounded while watching the battle of Hankow, were taken to the hospital. Kipper was shot through the face while witnessing the battle and suffered facial paralysis from a bullet on route to Baltimore to consult specialists.

Big Money Prizes Offered Avalanches

London.—The British war office announces several prizes for competition by military aviators. The prizes are \$20,000 and \$10,000 respectively, open to the world.

FARMERS APPEAL TO OTTAWA

Farmers Fight to Unload Grain and Receive Cans—Blackhead Worse Than Ever

Regina, Sask.—While blackhead continues throughout Saskatchewan and among farmers, almost without parallel in the history of the west, losses to farmers are enormous. There is nothing to be gained by hiding it; it has been learned that at outlook of wheat from which have been estimated at the elevators for two weeks. At Melfort, the elevators are full to the roofs, and the farmers have to stand around for days waiting to have their grain unloaded.

At Moose, over 5,000 bushels of grain are piled on the streets and in impromptu warehouses. Over one hundred loads of grain were on the market on Saturday last, a number of farmers had been in town for a week trying to dispose of their grain. Gang had driven in a number of loads of refuse at once with no prospect of success. Farmers are on the car side of the grain, and are a sleight of hand, and mounted police were called upon to maintain order.

At Herbert, Rush Lake, and Swift Current conditions are about as bad. At Redoubt over 30 names are on the order book at once, and at one time it is said the number reached 100.

Santaiga, Qu'Appelle, Indian Head, McLaughlin, Lang, Milestone, and many other points are in an like shape.

Elevator Commissioner, Cadell, has written to the president of the grain act and has suggested that farmers dispose of two loads each at once, and the other two loads they may return to their homes instead of waiting round day after day for cars. The elevator companies are making out a thing possible new has come that he has issued imperative instructions for cars to come in two or three of the worst points.

General Superintendent Scully, of the C. P. R. at Moose, says, is besieged by the elevator companies. The former task of sending a large delegation to Ottawa to press for action by Premier Borden, number of farmers are shipping quantities of wheat to the United States. They do not have direct railway connection south.

WILL TEST WHEELER'S GRAIN

Thomas Maynard, One of the Prize Winners of Grain Show Passes Through Calgary

Calgary.—Thomas Maynard, winner of the prize for the best wheat competition at the land show in New York this year, was in the city on his way from British Columbia to his home in Ontario, Manitoba. Although Mr. Maynard is 81 years of age and has resided in Manitoba for many years, he is on his first trip through the west. He has spent considerable time in the Okanagan valley and has been invested in agricultural land, and is now farming in that district.

While in the city Mr. Maynard sold several samples of the Manitoba wheat grown by Senger Wheeler which he won the \$1,000 Shubert prize. He is the first of the wheat to come to the city, and he will experiment with it on his Manitoba farm, and continue to collect the wheat. He is in the city in anticipation of the next show.

Salvage for Towing Disabled Steamers

Halifax, N.S.—Judge Drisdall decided judgment in the admiralty case of the tugboat "Eugene" against the steamer "Eugene" and the cable ship "Maurice". The former ship claims 1,000 pounds of salvage for towing the disabled steamer. The judge awarded \$12,500.

In the case of the Mackay Bennett claim for \$10,000 for assisting in the tow from off the harbor, the judge awarded \$10,000. Of the \$10,000 goes to the owners of the "Eugene" and \$2,000 to the captain and crew; \$500 goes to the owners of the Mackay Bennett and \$100 to the captain.

Juror in the Hyde Trial Goes Insane

Kansas City, Mo.—A juror in the Hyde trial, who was declared insane after four days of hearing of fresh air, and freedom from continuing work and studies, has been released. The juror, whose escape last Sunday blocked the progress of the second trial of Dr. Clark, was charged with the murder of Colonel Swope, as judged by the court to give an explanation of the trial, before the trial was judged by his wife, and after much deliberation, the judge announced he had found the juror insane.

Contract is Let For C. P. R. Shops

Winnipeg.—The contract for the C. P. R. shops at Calgary has been let by Vice-President Bury to the Westinghouse, Church, Kerr Company, of New York. They will commence work on the new buildings at once and are to have them finished by the end of next year. They will be of the same size as the Winnipeg shops, but Mr. Bury declines to give any estimate of the cost, but he has learned that the contract price for the shops was between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

Why is the nose in the middle of the face? Because it is the center (center).

\$700,000 MILL FIRE

ROBIN HOOD MILLS AT MOOSE JAW COMPLETE LOSS

One Man Killed and Another Badly Injured—The Fire is a Severe Loss to Moose Jaw—The Mill Was One of the Largest in Western Canada—No Particulars as to How the Fire Started.

Moose Jaw.—The Robinson mill, owned by the Saskatchewan Flour Mills company, was totally destroyed by fire recently, with a total loss of \$700,000. The blaze of Moose Jaw's largest industry, which is the largest mill of its kind in Western Canada, formed the most spectacular sight in the experience of the great city.

The mill, whose buildings were timber built, and within an hour of the start, the walls of the mill, in which the fire originated, flared over like a torch, and, fanned by the wind the burning gases were shifted over the mill yard, which had for a recently fallen state of snow, would certainly have been a terrible sight.

The fire broke out about 2:30, near the centre of the building. The flames of fire, which were of the highest intensity, and several employees had great difficulty in getting out in the darkness. The fire broke out immediately being out of commission.

Millwright Ness, who had just come from the mill, was the first to be jumped out of the window for a moment, and he was killed. Another man, who was on the roof, was killed by a flying timber and is still unconscious.

MANY IN QUEST OF HOMESTEADS

Two Long Lines of Waiters Formed Up Outside of the Land Office

Calgary.—Because two choice homesteads were offered for sale within the next 48 hours, he thronged for filing by reason of the former two homesteads, a number of men, standing on the line, and the homestead is still declared open will come round.

In two long lines flanking the steps, the prospective settlers are standing. Each man eyes his neighbor furiously.

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ITALIANS STOP PICTURE SHOW

Montreal House Gave the Italians Soldiers Worth of the Pictures

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Hindoes Will Send for Their Wives

Ottawa.—The delegation of Hindoes from British Columbia, who have been waiting for a reply to their request of the Government that they be allowed to bring their wives and children to the country, and also that the present restrictions be lowered, got a final answer from the Government.

National Insurance Bill Passes

London.—The House of Lords recently passed the national insurance bill, providing for a system of insurance against sickness and unemployment of the working classes through third and third reading.

The bill now proceeds to the commons, only requiring to pass through the formality of receiving the King's assent.

GREAT INCREASE IN SCHOOLS

The Annual Report of the Department Has Some Very Interesting Information

Edmonton.—The fifth annual report of the Department of Education, published in the house by the Hon. C. E. Mitchell, minister of education, shows that the number of pupils in the province in 1910 greatly surpassed all former years in the work of organization of new districts, 261 being organized. The remarkable extension of railway construction particularly through the east central part of the province and the establishment of small towns did much to stimulate school organization in that part of the province. While the increase in the number of pupils in operation during 1910 exceeded those in operation in 1908 by 184, the increase in the number for 1910 over that for 1907 was 257.

During the year covered by the report the attendance was given for the issue of school debentures amounting to over \$1,000,000. In a number of cases the school boards have been obliged to restrain school boards from raising so much money as their own funds would permit, and it is good evidence that the taxpayers of the province are willing to spend money on education.

While the supply of qualified teachers is not abundant, the increasing serious problems confronting the department conditions are reported to be a serious one.

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ARCHDUKE ABANDONS HIS TITLE

Young Prince Abandons Title to Marry Girl Not of Noble Rank

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British Buys Much from Best Trust

Chicago, J. A. Armour, president of the Rio Grande company, said recently that the company had bought from the American people with the British army, estimated at \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 annually.

Mr. Armour said he had no idea how much the company was doing in the line of business, but he was sure that the company was doing a great deal of business.

Missions Burned by Boxer Mob

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Winning Policeman Exonerated

Winnipeg.—The report of the board of inquiry into the case of the policeman who was charged with abusing a chauffeur, whom he was arresting, has been exonerated. The board has found the policeman innocent of the charges.

Grain Growers' Export Company

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

LESSON XIII.—FOURTH QUARTER, FOR DEC. 24, 1911.

Text of the Lesson, Matt. 11, 1-12. Memory Verses, 11, 12—Golden Text, Luke 11, 11—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

We choose the Christmas lesson for today, and will take up the story in Matthew 11, the first of the four quarters. Matthew tells of the great king who was born to be great among all people from the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, such of him was of King of kings and Lord of lords (Matt. 1:1-14; Luke 1:1-14; Matt. 1:1-14; Luke 1:1-14).

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The Cheap Cash Store CASH! CASH! CASH!

January 1st we will introduce and conduct a cash business. BOOKS WILL BE CLOSED TO CREDIT BUSINESS FAVORING NO ONE.

This proposition has been hanging fire for some time and the cash business was the final decision.

A MATTER OF CHOICE—We either had to cut out the credit and do a cash business or go out of business.

OUR CHOICE WAS JUST—Thousands of dollars were sent out of the country yearly to mail order houses. Why?

THE ANSWER—Cutting out the credit business entirely, reducing our stock to about one-half, buying and selling for cash will enable us to take all our cash discount, which puts us in a position to compete with the mail order houses and keep the money at home.

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You can make Christmas merry and the New Year happy indeed for that grown-up son of yours, for your brother or for your husband, by presenting him with a Christmas or New Year's gift of a suit of



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With glad and happy greetings to all.
REITZEL & KALBFLEISCH

Lloyd Coming

Frank Lloyd, the well known comedian who will be remembered by Didsbury theatre goers, is booked to appear in Didsbury on Friday next. Mr. Lloyd is one of the best comedians appearing in the west today and his repertoire this season includes many new comic character songs which it is claimed are more amusing than ever. Keep this date clear.

Salutation.
O night, O star, O land afar,
In sweet surprise of glory
Let shepherd train and angel strain
Sing new your Christmas story!
O dawn, O gift, O heaven rift,
O Mary, mystic mother
Of newborn Christ, keep ye my trust
With every human brother!
O door swung wide, O full floodtide
Of light and kindness meeting,
Into my friend this day outland
A joyous Christmas greeting!
—J. B. E. in Lippincott's.

Westcott

We are the editor and all the readers of the Pioneer a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, and hope the beautiful weather continues so that everybody can enjoy themselves to the fullest extent.

Mrs. Jas. Hughes and son Jimmy started on Monday on a trip east. They intend spending the winter in the vicinity of Hanover and Walker in Ontario.

Alex Ross and wife are leaving this week for Scotland. They intend taking a much needed rest.

Karl Russell, Arthur Kinck and Edgar Reitzel also intend taking a trip east.

The young people who attended Arthur Kinck's farewell party all report having had a splendid time.

Among the late visitors to Calgary were Mrs. Dolman, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown and Mrs. C. F. Rennie.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Levagood visited H. D. Browns on Sunday.

You should see the beautiful display of Xmas things at Wm. Wilson's store—something for everybody.

Mr. Moore has started on the road as stock dealer since Mr. McLeod is taking up the work at the store.

Threshing is progressing favorably and if the good weather continues for about one month more, very little will be left.

The special meetings at the Ev. church are proving a decided success. Rev. Daum, with Evangelist Bell, Rev. Orrs and Rev. Martin, make a strong combination. Westcott is already a good place to live in. What will it be in the future.

Don't waste your money buying strengthening plasters. Chamberlain's Liniment is cheaper and better. Pumpkin is made of blamel with it and hold it over the affected parts and it will relieve the pain and soreness. For sale by all dealers.

Draft of Municipalities

By the draft man furnished by the Government, the boundaries of the new Rural Municipalities in the Didsbury Constituency are as follows:

Townships 28, 29 and 30, Ranges 19 to 23 inclusive, lying west of the Red Deer river.

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Townships 31, 32 and 33, ranges 27, 28 and 29, west of the Red Deer river, and township 34, ranges 21 to 24 inclusive, west of the Red Deer river.

On Christmas Morn.

They faced across the lonely plains,
They dared the desert way,
Above them moaned the stormy trains
That rest not night or day.
One star from out the splendor shone,
A gift of heaven's own light,
In fearless faith they followed on,
Their eager faces bright.

Three kings were they of great renown,
And from the east afar,
Until it stood over Bethlehem town
They journeyed by the star.
It stood above a cattle shed,
And there the light grew dim,
To heaven's own Child the star had led,
His glory pale for him.

Immanuel! A Little Child
That very day newborn,
They knelt before the undefiled
That earliest Christmas morn.
Each hand was bent to give him praise,
Their incense, gold and myrrh
They offered him in glad amazement,
Each humble worshiper.

What gifts have we for Christ today?
We, too, have seen the star,
And we have found the happy way
To Bethlehem afar.
Our gold, our myrrh, our incense sweet
Shall we not better bring?
Ah, let us haste to kiss his feet.
The little Christ, our King!
—Margaret E. Baugher.

Neapolis Notes

The Neapolis S. S. will render a Christmas program at the Neapolis school house on Saturday evening, December 23rd. A cordial invitation is extended to all friends to be present.

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Beef, corn fed, dressed	7.00
Veal, dressed	8.00
Hogs, live	7.75
Hogs, dressed	10.50
Bacon, No. 1, smoked	22 1/2
Hams, No. 1	0.21
Mutton, dressed	12 1/2
Chickens, spring dressed	0.15
Clickens, live	12 1/2
Fowl	8 to 10c
Hides, green	0.04
Butter, choice	0.30
Eggs	0.35
Potatoes, bushel	75
Hay, upland No. 1	9.00
Hay, timothy, No. 1	12.50
Green feed	7.50
Wheat, No. 1 red	0.65
Wheat, No. 1 white	0.65
Wheat, No. 1 northern	0.79
Wheat, No. 1 feed	0.30
Flax	1.30
Barley No. 4	0.36
Oats, extra No. 1 feed	0.26
Oats, No. 1	0.24
Oats, under 34 lbs.	0.23

BUSINESS LOCALS

Christmas trees for sale at J. V. Beracht's.

Chopping days at the Flour Mill are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday after December 12th. M. Weber.

For Sale—One large water tank. J. V. Beracht.

SITUATION WANTED—A chance to learn the general store business. I am 18 years of age and would like to begin at the first of the new year—L. HORACE EBY, CARSTAIRS.

Taube Eyesight Specialists have opened a permanent office in room 16 and 17 Elma blk., 8th avenue, Calgary, and will make their visits regular here at Chambers Drug Store every 2 months. All work absolutely guaranteed.

You'll want a pair of hockey shoes, get them at J. V. Beracht's.

N. Weicker announces that he will in future take in hogs every Monday. Top prices will be paid.

A good house to rent. Money to loan. G. B. Sessomith, office Union Bank building.

M. McKlenberg, A. M., the eminent and 25 years experienced eye specialist, will be at the Alexandra Hotel, Didsbury, Thursday, Dec. 21. No matter who else has failed to give you satisfaction, come and see this expert. He guarantees all his work and his charges are moderate.

Old Resident Leaving

Didsbury is gradually losing its founders in the persons of the first settlers who came here when the country was a wilderness, and the town of Didsbury was not even a speck on the map. Today there is no district or town of its size in the whole of Alberta which can boast of a better or more wealthy community thanks to the good foundation laid by the earliest settlers some eighty years ago.

We have the unpleasant duty of recording the fact that Mr. J. B. Detwiler, one of the oldest residents of the town and district is leaving to take up his residence in Winnipeg, and there is no question but that we will be the sufferers by his removal, and the Pioneer wishes him success where ever he may go. Mr. Detwiler came to Didsbury about eighteen years ago from Berlin, Ont., with the first settlers brought here by Mr. J. Y. Shantz. He has always put his shoulder to the wheel in a quiet way for any more want that had for its object the moral welfare of the town as well as taking his part as a good citizen in every public undertaking that has come up in his long residence with us, and his influence will be long felt in this district.

These are a few of the names of the old settlers left here who came in with Mr. Detwiler: Mr. and Mrs. Eph. Shantz, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hunsperger, Allan and Ab. Hunsperger, Mrs. Andrew Weber, Manisch and Ed. Weber, Mr. and Mrs. Sam. Troyer, Mrs. J. B. Shantz, Alton, Welford and Noah Shantz, Ivan Weber, Mrs. Ab. Hunsperger and Mrs. Alon Hunsperger.

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OPPOSITE UNION BANK, DIDSBURY

An elderly churchwarden in shaving himself one Sunday before church time made a slight cut with the razor on the extreme end of his nose, quickly calling to his wife, he asked her if she had any court plaster in the house. "You will find some in my sewing basket," she said. The wound soon had the cut covered. At church in assisting with the collection he noticed every one smile as he passed the plate, and some of the younger people laughed outright. Very much amused, he asked a friend if there was anything wrong with his appearance. "Well, I should think there is," was the answer. "What is that on your nose?" Court plaster. "No," said his friend, "it is the label from a roll of cotton." It says, "Warranted 200 yards long."

A mountaineer of one of the back counties of North Carolina was arraigned with several others for illicit distilling. "Defendant," said the court, "what is your name?" "Joshua," was the reply. "Are you the man that made the sun stand still?" Quick as a flash came the answer, "No, sir, I am the man who made the moon shine."

"I want some cigars for my husband for Christmas." "What kind, madam?" "Well, I don't know exactly, but he is a middle aged man and always dresses in black."

In a cemetery at Middlebury, Vt., is a stone, erected by a widow to her loving husband, bearing this inscription: "Rest in peace—until we meet again."